

Amendments to Drawings

Replacement drawing sheets, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), containing Figs 1-4 are appended hereto.

Remarks

Claims 1 to 19 remain pending in this application.

This application is the national stage application of underlying PCT Application No. PCT/CA2003/00459 filed on March 31, 2003. Claim amendments were made under Article 34 of the PCT as evidenced by the attached Notification of Transmittal of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) and the IPER. The IPER clearly states that Claims 1-19, received on February 8, 2005, were entered during International Phase (see page 2 of IPER).

Applicant also submits a copy of the Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 dated June 15, 2006, which clearly indicates that a copy of the IPER was received by the USPTO as a designated/elected office.

Applicant submits that the Examiner has not examined the currently pending claims that entered the National Stage in the United States.

Applicant respectfully requests examination of the currently pending claims 1-19 entered during the International Phase.

The Examiner objected to Figs. 1-4 as not being designated as "Prior Art". Applicant submits replacement drawing sheets, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), containing Figs 1-4 clearly designated as "Prior Art". Entry of the replacement drawings is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due for this submission. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to debit any required fee from Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. The Commissioner is further authorized to debit any additional amount required, and to credit any overpayment to the above-noted deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. IPER

2. Notification of Acceptance of Application